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OF CIEC (E.G. COMMON FUND, ODA, ETC.) WILL NOW RETURN
TO THE FUNCTIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS UNCTAD, IMF/IBRD,
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2. AMONG THE QUESTIONS WE MUST NOW FACE IS HOW WE CAN
BEST COORDINATE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY POSITIONS IN THE
CIEC FOLLOWUP. ONE OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CIEC
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WERE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT COMMON POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES
IN THE DIALOGUE AND MAINTAIN THESE COORDINATED POSITIONS IN
THE FACE OF STRENUOUS PRESSURE FROM THE G-19 FOR
ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY

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3. THE OECD WITH VARIOUS GROUPS (XCSS, HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES, ETC.) WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE POST-CIEC COORDINATION PROCESS. IT IS A PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AND GENERAL COORDINATION OF LONG-TERM APPROACH TO NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES AMONG THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, OUR EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO USE THE OECD FRAMEWORK TO DEVELOP FULLY COORDINATED DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITIONS ON KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OR A COMMON TACTICAL APPROACH TO MAJOR NORTH/SOUTH MEETINGS HAS RANGED FROM FAIR TO POOR.

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